

Below is an update on the Iowa Health and Wellness Plan and the Health Insurance Marketplace:

## **Iowa Health and Wellness Plan**

**lowaHealth+ Becomes Fourth Accountable Care Organization:** Effective August 1, 2014, lowaHealth+ has been recognized as an Accountable Care Organization (ACO) for the lowa Wellness Plan. With the lowaHealth+ agreement, lowa Medicaid now has four large ACOs working to improve the health of lowans. Members of the lowaHealth+ ACO include:

- All Care Health Center (Council Bluffs)
- Community Health Centers of Southeastern Iowa, Inc. (West Burlington, Columbus City, Keokuk)
- Community Health Centers of Southern Iowa, Inc. (Leon, Lamoni, Albia, Centerville, Chariton, Corydon)
- Crescent Community Health Center (Dubuque)
- Peoples Community Health Center (Waterloo, Clarksville)
- Promise Community Health Center (Sioux Center)
- River Hills Community Health Center (Ottumwa, Centerville, Richland)
- Siouxland Community Health Center (Sioux City)

RFP Released for the Healthy Rewards Program: The Iowa Department of Human Services is pleased to announce release of a Request For Proposals (RFP) for the Healthy Rewards program. The purpose of this RFP is to solicit proposals that will enable the Agency to select the most qualified contractor to design, implement, and operate an evidence-based incentive program for the Iowa Health and Wellness population. This program will provide financially-based incentives aimed at encouraging preventive care, adherence to medication regimes, wellness, and healthier behavior, all of which are seen as ways to improve health outcomes and decrease costs. The RFP was posted Friday, August 1 on the bid opportunities website at: http://bidopportunities.iowa.gov/?pgname=viewrfp&rfp\_id=10201.

Visit DHS at the Iowa State Fair: The Iowa Insurance Division, Iowa Department of Human Services and Iowa Department of Public Health are hosting an informational booth at the Iowa State Fair from August 7-17. The booth features information on the Iowa Health and Wellness Plan and Healthy Behaviors Program, Medicaid, and the Health Insurance Marketplace. Stop by, or direct individuals with health care coverage questions to the booth, located inside the Varied Industries Building along the southwest wall.

**State Innovation Model Information** 

Reminder- State Innovation Model Testing Grant Materials Now Available: The materials submitted for the testing phase of the State Innovation Model grant are now available. A variety of materials were submitted with the application, including the <u>project abstract</u>, <u>Governor's letter of support</u>, <u>stakeholder letters of support</u>, <u>project narrative</u>, and <u>project operational plan</u>. The application was submitted on July 18, 2014, and the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) anticipates announcing the awards in October 2014. For more information, visit the <u>SIM web page</u>.

## **Health Insurance Marketplace**

## State Q&A

Q1: Will the Center for Consumer Information and Insurance Oversight (CCIIO) notify states when Navigators complete the Federal training and certification process for 2015 open enrollment?

**A1:** Yes. CCIIO will ensure states have access to information on who has completed the Federal training and certification process. Navigator entities in each state are responsible for assuring Navigators also complete any required state-specific training. The Federal training materials for 2015 will be available in early September. An alert will be included in the Health Insurance Marketplace Weekly Update when the new training modules are posted to Marketplace.cms.gov.

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